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SUBJ: "OBR MARKETING IN LIBERIA"-POST SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS

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FOLLOWING ARE PAGE BY PAGE SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND
ADDITIONAL TO MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED REPAIR:

PAGE ONE OF "MARKET PROFILE"--

FOREIGN INVESTMENT-US MAJOR SOURCE-SHOULD READ OVER \$303
MILLION. BOTTOM OF PAGE SHOULD READ: CENTRAL BANK, NATIONAL
BANK OF LIBERIA, DOES NOT..."

PAGE THREE OF "MARKETING IN LIBERIA"--

LINE 9 SHOULD READ "...REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA, AND OTHERS."

PAGE FIVE--

DELETE LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 WHICH READS "IN PRACTICE...
COMPANY."

PAGE SIX--

IN FIRST LINE INSERT "NOT" BETWEEN "MAY" AND "BE".

PAGE TEN--

ON LINE 14, BETWEEN "...CHAIRMAN." AND "LPMC" INSERT NEW
SENTENCE: "LPMC IS NOW EHOLEY OWNED BY THE GOL, ALTHOUGH
STILL UNDER DANISH MANAGEMENT."

PAGE ELEVEN--

ON LINE 3-RECEIVED THREE BANK LOANS.

PAGE THIRTEEN--

FIRST LINE SHOULD READ "VANPLY OF LIBERIA BEGAN SAWMILL
OPERATIONS IN 1975 AND PLYWOOD PRODUCTION IN 1976."-FIFTH
LINE SHOULD READ "... OPERATION. THE PLANT FITS WELL INTO

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THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT..."-NEXT TWO SENTENCES (BEGIN-

NING "UNPROCESSED LUMBER....") SHOULD BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY: "VANPLY IS NOW EXPORTING FINISHED PLYWOOD AND LUMBER PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS UNPROCESSED LUBER, THROUGH THE PORT OF GREENVILLE."-FINAL LINE PAGE 13 SHOULD READ "...IS FROZEN AT SEA, THE BULK OF WHICH IS PURCHASED FROM SOVIET AND OTHER FISHERMEN."

PAGE FOURTEEN--

DELETE FIRST LINE AND REPLACE WITH: MESURADE OPERATES A SHRIMP FLEET, THE CATCH FROM WHICH IS PROCESSED AND EXPORTED IN FROZEN FORM."-ENTIRE IRON SECTION BEGINNING WITH LAST PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH "IRONORE-IRON ORE ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF GDP AND NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF LIBERIA'S EXPORTS. FOUR COMPANIES ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE: THE LIBERIAN MINING COMPANY, THE NATIONAL IRON ORE COMPANY, THE LIBERIA-AMERICAN-SWEDISH MINERALS JOINT VENTURE COMPANY(LAMCO) AND THE BONG MINING COMPANY. THE LIBERIA MINING COMPANY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL CLOSE ITS BOMI HILLS MINE ON PARCH 31, 1976 SINCE DEPLETION OF THE RICH IRON ORE DEPOSITS MAKE CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS BEYOND THAT DATE UNECONOMIC. THE VOLUME OF IRON ORE OUTPUT IS CONSTRAINED BY THE CAPACITY OF EXISTING MINES, AND CONSEQUENTLY, AFTER EXPANDING VERY RAPIDLY IN THE 1960S, TOTAL OUTPUT HAS CHANGED VERY LITTLE SINCE 1969, WHEN THE MOST RECENT LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENTS WERE COMPLETED. BETWEEN 1969 AND 1975 TOTAL PRODUCTION INCREASED BY LESS THAN 2 PERCENT.

THE WOLOGISI PROJECT ENTAILING A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF ABOUT \$1.4 BILLION IS STILL UNDER ACTIVE NEGOTIATION. IF AGREEMENT ON THIS PROJECT CAN BE REACHED BY THE END OF 1977, A NEW MINE WITH A POTENTIAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 10 MILLION TONS WILL COME ON STREAM IN 1982. BONG IS ENGAGED IN A \$129 MILLION EXPANSION PROGRAM, INCLUDING A DOUBLING OF ITS PELLETIZING CAPACITY TO 4.8 MILLION TONS. LAMCO IS INSTALLING A \$13 MILLION HIGH INTENSITY MAGNETIC SEPARATOR AT BUCHANAN. IN ADDITION, LAMCO IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH ITS \$125 MILLION TOKADEH PROJECT. THE IRON ORE DEPOSITS AT PUTU ARE BEING STUDIED BY A GERMAN-JAPANESE CONSORTIUM. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THE BIE MOUNTAIN IRON ORE DEPOSITS AT THE PRESENT TIME. IF BOTH THE WOLOGISI AND PUTU DEPOSITS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPED, IRON ORE OUTPUT COULD INCREASE BY 100 PERCENT BY THE MIDDLE OF THE 1980'S OVER THE 1975 LEVEL."

PAGE FIFTEEN--

DIAMOND SECTION SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH "DIAMONDS ARE EXPLOITED IN THE LOFA RIVER AREA. DIAMOND EXPORTS IN 1975 AMOUNTED TO SOME \$18.4 MILLION ACCOUNTING FOR 4.7 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THAT YEAR. OVER \$13 MILLION WORTH OF DIAMONDS WERE EXPORTED IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1976. HOWEVER,

ONLY A PORTION OF THIS TOTAL IS BELIVED TO HAVE BEEN DUG IN LIBERIA. DATA ON TOTAL PRODUCTION ARE UNRELIABLE AS THERE IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERABLE SMUGGLING FROM SIERRA LEONE INTO LIBERIA. AN AMERICAN OWNED FIRM, GLOBEX MINERIALS(LIBERIA) INC, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN DIAMOND MINING ALONG THE LOFA RIVER. MOST OF THE DIAMONDS ARE EXPLOITED BY INDIVIDUAL PROSPECTORS."

PAGE SIXTEEN--

PERCENTAGE FIGURES GIVEN FOR POWER PRODUCTION IN FINAL PARA INCONSISTENT, MAKING SECTION AMBIGUOUS. SHOULD BE REWRITTEN. ALSO, CORRECT NAME LEC IS "LIBERIA ELECTRICITY CORPORATION."

PAGE SEVENTEEN--

BEGINNING LINE 13, WORDS "PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY (PUA)" SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH "LEC".

PAGE EIGHTEEN--

"AVIATION" SECTION SHOULD READ: LIBERIA IS SERVED BY 12 SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS FROM ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT(RIA) WHICH IS LOCATED SOME 40 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN MONROVIA. MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY TO RIA AND A NEW TERMINAL BUILDING IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1977. PAN AM OFFERS 4 TO 5 (DEPENDING ON SEASON) FLIGHTS WEEKLY FROM NEW YORK ENROUTE OTHER AFRICAN CITIES, AND THE SAME NUMBER ON THE RETURN. PANAM ALSO OFFERS ONCE WEEKLY EACH WAY ALL CARGO SERVICE. THE EUROPEAN CARRIERS OFFER SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE, WITH AT LEAST ONE FLIGHT EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. SCHEDULED FLIGHTS ALSO CONNECT MONROVIA WITH LIBERIA'S WEST AFRICAN NEIGHBORS. GOVERNMENT OWNED AIR SPRIGGS-PAYNE AIRPORT (LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MONROVIA), AND SERVES THE MOST IMPORTANT OF LIBERIA'S DOMESTIC AIRFIELDS ON A DAILY SCHEDULED BASIS. IT ALSO OFFERS CHARTER SERVICES, AS DO TWO AIR TAXI COMPANIES LOCATED AT SPRIGGS. AIR LIBERIA HOLDS SERVICE RIGHTS ON A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ROUTES, AND IS CONSIDERING PURCHASING JET AIRCRAFT FOR REGIONAL USE. RIA IS MANAGED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY PAN AMERICAN, WHICH ALSO HAS NOMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPRIGGS-PAYNE AND OTHER AIRPORTS."

PAGE NINETEEN--

REPLACE FIRST PARA OF "PORTS AND SHIPPING"WITH: "LIBERIA HAS FOUR MAJOR PORTS THAT HANDLE THE BULK OF ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE. APPROXIMATELY 25 MILLION TONS OF CARGO PASS THROUGH THESE PORTS. ANNUALLY. THE FREEPORT OF MONROVIA ACCOUNTS OF 70 PCT OF THE COUNTRY'S

GENERAL CARGO IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, ALL OF ITS PETROLEUM IMPORTS, AND MORE THAN HALF OF ITS ORE EXPORTS. THE REMAINING ORE IS SHIPPED THROUGH LAMCO'S FACILITIES AT BUCHANAN. RUBBER IS SHIPPED FROM MONROVIA IN BOTH SOLID AND LIQUID FORM. GREENVILLE AND HARPER ARE THE EXPORT CENTERS FOR TIMBER AND TIMBER IS ALSO SHIPPED FROM BUCHANAN."

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PAGE TWENTY--

FIRST SENTENCE OF "COMMUNICATIONS" SECTION SHOULD READ: "LIBERIA'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK CONSISTS OF TELEPHONE, RADIO, TELEVISION AND INTERNATIONAL MICROWAVE AND SATELLITE SYSTEMS." SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD BE DELETED.--THIRD SENTENCE OF "INTERNATIONAL " SECTION SHOULD READ: "LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION(LTC) OPERATES 5 TECHNICAL MATERIAL..." FINAL SENTENCE THAT SECTION SHOULD BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY "IN 1976, ITALCABLE, IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE GOL, INSTALLED AND CURRENTLY OPERATES A NON-STANDARD SATELLITE GROUND STATION IN MONROVIA TO TIE IN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH CAPABLE OF TELEVISION TRANSMISSION, THE STATION IS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEX. THE GOL IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING UPGRADING THE INSTALLATION TO A STANDARD STATION. LIBERIA IS ALSO COOPERATING WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN LINKING UP WITH PAN AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM."

PAGE TWENTY TWO--

IN "RADIO AND TELEVISION" SECTION LBCS CORRECT NAME IS "THE LIBERIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (ELBC)." AS SECOND SENTENCE TO FIRST PARA THAT SECTION ADB: "ELBC IS PLANNING A \$3.5 MILLION EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF ITS RADIO AND TV CAPABILITY IN 1977, BY ACQUIRING NEW TRANSMITTERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTING NEW STUDIOS."...

AT BOTTOM OF PAGE AND TOP OF NEXT PAGE POPULATION FIGURES SHOULD READ "MAJOR CENTERS AND THEIR ESTIMATED POPULATIONS (AS OF 1974 CENSUS) ARE: MONROVIA 204,000; HARBEL AND HARBEL PLANTATION, 60,000; BUCHANAN, 25,000; YEKEPA (NIMBA), 16,000; HARPER AND HARPER PLANTATION, 14,000; GREENVILLE 10,000."

PAGE TWENTY THREE--

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ON LINE 10 BETWEEN "...ECONOMY." AND "MIGRATION..." INSERT NEW SENTENCE: " THE REMAINDER IS EMPLOYED IN THE MAJOR CONCESSIONS."

PAGE TWENTY FOUR--

IN SEOND PARA, DELETE LAST SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "AT PRESENT..."

--IN THIRD PARA, REPLACE WORD "GENERALLY" WITH "OFTEN".--DELETE THIRD LINE THAT PARA THAT READS "AND MARKET"---PARENT FIRM."

PAGE TWENTY SIX--

IN "GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT"SECTION, BEGINNING WITH FOURTH SENTENCE FIRST PARA SHOULD READ: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IS EITHER HANDLED THROUGH BIDS SOLICITED FROM FOREIGN FIRMS OR DIRECTLY FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS OF IMPORTED GOODS. SEMI-AUTONOMOUS GOVERNEMT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATIONS, DO THEIR OWN PURCHASING, EITHER FROM LOCAL WHOLESALERS OR DIRECTLY FROM OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS. THESE COMPANIES USUALLY ISSUE INVITATIONS TO BID ON MAJOR PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS."

PAGE TWENTY-SEVEN--

AFTER LAST SENTENCE ON PAGE ADD: "THESE CONTROLS ARE ENFORCED BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRANSPORTATION."

PAGE TWENTY EIGHT--

RE SECOND PARA, WE UNDERSTAND CORRECT TERM FOR WTDR IS "WORLD TRADERS DATA REPORT."

PAGE TWENTY NINE--

LISTING OF BANKS IN FIRST PARA SHOULD READ "FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK (LIBERIA)(CITIBANK); CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; THE BANK OF LIBERIA(CHEMICAL BANK OF NEW YORK); AND INTERNATIONAL TRUST CO, OF LIBERIA(INTERNATIONAL BANK, WASHINGTON DC)."--FINAL

PARA PAGE 29 SHOULD READ: "THERE ARE SEVERAL BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS IN MONROVIA, INCLUDING THE LIBERIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE MONROVIA MARKETING ASSOCIATION, WHICH MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH MARKET INFORMATION AND CAN PUT SUPPLIERS IN CONTACT WITH THEIR MEMBERS. (SEE APPENDIX B FOR ADDRESSEES). AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN'S ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED IN LATE 1976, AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE COMMERICAL SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THE LIBERIAN JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND OFFICIAL GOL PUBLICATION, CONTAINS INFORMATION AND DATA PERTAINING TO THE LIBERIAN ECONOMY, BUT IS ISSUED ONLY SPORADICALLY. OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS ARE ISSUED FROM TIME TO TIME THAT DEAL WITH SPECIFIC TOPICS OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERICAL INTEREST."

PAGES THIRTY AND THIRTY ONE--

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"PRINTED MATERIALS" SECTON SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ : "NEWS-PAPER ADVERTISING IS GENERALLY CONFINED TO THE PRESS IN MON-

ROVIA, ALL OF WHICH IS IN ENGLISH. THIS INCLUDES ONE DAILY, THE LIBERIAN STAR, PUBLISHED BY THE STAR PUBLISHING COMPANY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; THE SEMI WEEKLY LIBERIAN AGE, PUBLISHED BY THE RULING TRUE WHIG PARTY ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY; AND THE WEEKLY SUNDAY EXPRESS. THESE NEWSPAPERS ALSO HAVE AN ESTIMATED CIRCULATION OF 5,000. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PUBLISHES MIMEOGRAPHED NEWS SHEETS IN OUTLYING AREAS, AND MISSIONARY AND OTHER PRIVATE GROUPS PUBLISH SMALL LOCAL PAPERS. (PARAGRAPH) LEADING AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN NEWS MAGAZINES ARE WIDELY READ BY THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY AND BY LIBERIANS IN GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES. THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD-TRIBUNE IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT MONROVIA'S NEWSTANDS AND AT SUPERMARKETS AND BOOK STORES. PICTORIAL MAGAZINES DIRECTED TOWARD WEST AFRICA, SUCH AS DRUM, FLAMINGO, AND THE AFRICAN EDITION OF EBONY ARE POPULAR AS ARE SUCH PUBLICATIONS AS WEST AFRICA AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (PUBLISHED IN LONDON). VARIOUS BUSINESS DIRECTORIES WHICH CARRY ADVERTISING ARE PUBLISHED LOCALLY FROM TIME TO TIME."

--AFTER FINAL SENTENCE ON PAGE 31 ADD "FLYERS, EITHER DISTRIBUTED BY HAND OR AS NEWSPAPER INSERTS, ARE ALSO USED."

PAGE THIRTY-TWO--

IN LINES 4 AND 5, CORRECT NAMES OF PRESIDENTS ARE "WILLIAM V.S. TUBMAN" AND "WILLIAM R TOLBERT JR."--LINE 14 SHOULD READ "...IRON ORE MINING, RUBBER PRODUCTION, AND TIMBER EXPLOITATION WHICH TOGETHER ACCOUNT..."

PAGE THIRTY THREE--

IN FIRST PARA CONTINUED FROM PAGE 32, CHECK FIGURE FOR OPIC INSURANCE CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING. \$24 MILLION SEEMS LOW TO US.

PAGE THIRTY FOUR--

FINAL SENTENCE PARA 2 SHOULD BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY: "BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ARE NEGOTIABLE WITH THE GOL, AND ARE GRANTED UPON APPLICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY& TRANSPORTATION AFTER REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AN INTER-AGENCY CONCESSION BOARD."--UNDER "FOREIGN INVESTMENT" SECTION, SENTENCE BEGINNING LINE 5 THAT PARA SHOULD READ: "THE FOUR IRON ORE MINING VENTURES ARE PRIMARILY OWNED AND OPERATED BY AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN INTERESTS WITH SOME EQUITY HELD BY THE GOL AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERIANS (THE ARRANGEMENTS VARY FROM COMPANY TO COMPANY)."

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PAGE THIRTY FIVE--

IN LINE 3, PARA 2, REPLACE: "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" WITH MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

PAGE THIRTY SIX--

CORRECT LINES 2, 8 AND 11 TO READ "MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

PAGE THIRTY SEVEN--

LINE 8 SHOULD READ: "...IN MINING, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL
VENTURES, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION, BANKING, INSURANCE,
SHIPPING..."

PAGE THIRTY EIGHT--

UNDER "OTHER TAXES" IN LINE 3 INSERT "AN EXPORT TAX ON DIAMONDS:
AND "BETWEEN WORDS "LUMBER;" AND "VARIOUS".

PAGE THIRTY NINE--

AFTER FINAL SENTENCE WHICH ENDS "...BASIS," ADD "THE SINGLE EX-
CEPTION APPLIES TO BETHLEHEM STEEL'S ONE QUARTER SHARE OF
LIBERIA'S LARGEST MINE, LAMCO. BETHLEHEM TAKES ONE FOURTH OF ORE
PRODUCTION AND PAYS THE GOL A 50 PCT INCOME TAX ON THE PROFITS
DERIVED THEREFROM."

PAGE FORTY ONE--

PARA 2 SHOULD READ: THE LARGEST LABOR ORGANIZATION IN
LIBERIA IS THE UNITED WORKERS CONGRESS, WHICH INCLUDES MINERS,
MECHANICS, PETROLEUM WORKERS AND OTHERS. THE ONCE PREDOMINANT
LIBERIAN CONGREGATION OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS HAS LOST GROUND
IN RECENT YEARS. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THESE TWO GROUPS
(ALONG WITH A SMALLER ORGANIZATION) ARE MOVING TO-
WARD CONSOLIDATION, A STEP WHICH ENJOYS THE BACKING OF THE
GOVERNMENT. THERE NOW IS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LEGISLATION,
AND RECENT NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS POINT TO A GENERAL TREND IN
THIS DIRECTION. CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND LABOR,
AND SOMETIMES GOVERNMENT, IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC LABOR DE-
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MANDS OCCURS WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY. HOWEVER, THE LABOR
MOVEMENT IN LIBERIA REMAINS RELATIVELY WEAK AND QUIET BY
WESTERN STANDARDS."-- FINAL LINE OF PAGE 41 SHOULD READ:
"MINISTER OF LABOR, YOUTH & SPORTS WHO MAY THEN ISSUE A SPECIAL
WORK..."

PAGE FORTY TWO--

UNDER "GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESS TRAVELERS ABROAD," CHANGE TO READ
THAT MAIL ARRIVES 4 TIMES WEEKLY FROM US.--LINE 8 SAME SEC-
TION SHOULD READ "...A MINUTE THEREAFTER, AND APPLIES EVERYDAY
OF THE WEEK." THE NEXT SENTENCE SHOULD BE DELETED.

PAGE FORTY THREE---

SECOND LINE, DELETE "GOVERNMENT."--LINE 6, NOTE "SIX" PHOTO-

GRAPHS ARE REQUIRED.--LINE 13, VISAS ARE USUALLY VALID FOR
"90"DAYS.--LINE 14, "MINSITRY OF FOREIGN AFFARIS--
COMMERICAL HOLIDAYS IN LIBERIA ARE: "JANUARY 1 (NEW YEARS
DAY), JANUARY 7 (PIONEERS DAY), SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MARCH
(DECORATION DAY), MARCH 15(JJ ROBERTS BORTHDAY), SECOND
FRIDAY IN APRIL (DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER), MAY 14 (NATIONAL
UNIFICATION DAY), JULY 26(INDEPENDENCE DAY),
AUGUST 24(FLAG DAY), FIRST THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER (THANKSGIVING
DAY), NOVEMBER 29(THE LATE PRESIDENT WILLIAM VS TUBMAN'S
BIRTHDAY), DECEMBER 1(MATILDA NEWPORT DAY), AND DECEMBER 25
(CHRISTMAS)."

PAGE FORTY FOUR--

"BUSINESS HOURS" SECTION SHOULD READ "THE BUSINESS HOURS OF
MOST STORES AND FIRMS ARE GENERALLY 8:00 TO NOON, AND
2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. ON SATURDAY,
MOST FIRMS AND STORES ARE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON. MANY
SUPERMARKETS AND SMALL SHOPS STAY OPEN LATER. GOVERNMENT
OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8:00 TO 4.00 PM, WITH VARYING
TIMES TAKEN FOR LUNCH. NEARLY EVERYTHING IS CLOSED IN
MONROVIA ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS. OFFICE HOURS AT THE EMERICAN
EMBASSY ARE 7:30 TO 4:30 PM, WITH LUNCHTIME FROM NOON TO
1:00."--AT BOTTOM OF PAGE, BANK OF MONROVIE NOW
CALLED "FIRST
NATIONAL CITY BANK."

PAGE FORTY FIVE--

DELETE ENTRIES FOR COMMERICAL BANK OF LIBERIA, NATIONAL BANK OF
LIBERIA AND YMCA BUSINESSMEN'S HUNGRY CLUB.

PAGE FORTY SIX--

"GOVERNMENT INFORMATION" SECTION SHOULD READ:
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MONROVIA LIBERIA

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
MONROVIA LIBERIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
MONROVA LIBERIA

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINES
MONROVIA LIBERIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM
MONROVIA LIBERIA

LIBERIA BANK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT
PO BOX 547
MONROVIA LIBERIA

NATIONAL BANK OF LIBERIA
PO BOX 2048
MONROVIA LIBERIA

LIBERIA ELECTRICITY CORPORATION
PO BOX 165
MONROVIA LIBERIA

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IRON ORE SHIPMENTS FOR ENTIRE YEAR 1975 AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS

(IN METRIC TONS):

WEST GERMANY 6,023,219

ITALY 3,127,461

UNITED STATES 2,174,868

FRANCE 1,870,293

NETHERLANDS 1,162,781

BELGIUM 1,063,121

SPAIN 664,300

JAPAN 616,080

UNITED KINGDOM 494,169

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 454,496

SWEDEN 280,450

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AUSTRIA 272,040

ROMANIA 110,750

CANADA 42,600

E. GERMANY 15,660

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MISSING FIGURES FOR DIAMONDS AS FOLLOWS: 1974, 29.9; 1975,
18.4. MISSING FIGURES FOR PALM KERNAL OIL AS FOLLOWS: 1974,
6.9

PAGE FIFTY TWO--

FIGURES FOR 1974 AND 1975 SHOULD BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS(WEIGHTS
WILL HAVE TO BE CONVERTED TO METRIC TONS TO FIT CHART):

IRON(IN LONG TONS): 1974, 25,189,561; 1975, 18,
110,164

RUBBER (IN LBS): 1974, 190,089,421; 1975, 178,
277,414

DIAMONDS (IN THOUSANDS OF CARATS): 1974, 635.7;
1975, 420.0

LOGS: NA

PALM KERNALS (IN LBS): 1974, 360,000; 1975, NA

COCOA (IN LBS): 1974, 7,256,420; 1975, 4,431,912

COFFEE (IN LBS): 1974, 7,548,528; 1975, 9,149,706

FISH (IN LBS): 1974, 2,423,792; 1975, 2,669,248

PIASSAVA(IN LBS): 1974, 112000; 1975, 53,760

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